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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION ANNOUNCES WINDOW RESTORATION WORKSHOPS

Norman's Historic District Commission is pleased to offer two, day-long window restoration workshops led by Bob Yapp, nationally recognized expert in window repair in historic buildings. The hands-on workshops will be held rain or shine on Saturday, November 21 from 11AM-5PM and Sunday, November 22 from 9AM-5PM at 504 Miller Avenue. Registration preference will be given to Norman residents. To register, call 366-5322.

In addition to the hands-on workshop, on Saturday, November 21 from 8:30-10:00AM, Bob Yapp will give an interactive talk on the community value of historic preservation entitled "Preservation Doesn't Cost—It Pays!" This free talk will be held at the Norman Senior Citizens Center, 329 S. Peters. The Saturday morning talk is open to the public and registration is not required.

During both window workshop sessions, Yapp will teach window repair techniques that will include removing windows from a house, reglazing window sash, restringing sash ropes and weights, and repairing rotted wood. The cost for the workshops is \$12 per person which covers the cost of lunch and snacks. Registration is limited to 12 participants for each session. Additional observers are welcome if space allows.

"We are delighted to have Bob Yapp back in Norman," said Jim Long, chairman of Norman's Historic District Commission. "His 2008 workshop was a big success and we hope that people will come out and take advantage of this great opportunity to learn how to work with old windows." Both workshop sessions will also cover the safe removal of lead paint and the energy efficiencies that are possible with historic windows.

The mission of Norman's Historic District Commission is to identify, protect, and educate the public about Norman's historic resources. The window workshop is made possible by a grant from the National Parks Service, US Department of the Interior,

through the Oklahoma Historic Preservation Office's Certified Local Government (CLG) program.

Reservations for the hands-on workshop session will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve a lunch or to register for the workshop, call Jolana McCart at 405-366-5322 or email <u>jolana.mccart@normanok.gov</u> Parking for the workshop is available at the Norman Senior Citizens Center, 329 S. Peters Avenue.